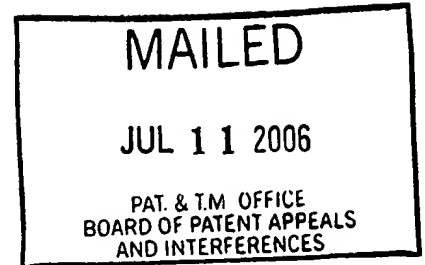


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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCE

Ex parte ERIN H. SIBLEY

Application 09/844,919



ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (BPAI) on July 6, 2006. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matter requiring attention prior to docketing is identified below.

Two Information Disclosure Statements (IDSs) were filed December 29, 2005 and January 30, 2006. It is not clear from the record whether the examiner considered the IDSs or whether the examiner notified appellant of why their submission did not meet the criteria set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

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Accordingly, it is ORDERED that the application is return to the Examiner:

- 1) to consider the Information Disclosure Statements filed December 29, 2005 and January 30, 2006;
- 2) provide appropriate written notification by the examiner to appellants of such consideration; and
- 3) for such further action as may be appropriate.

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